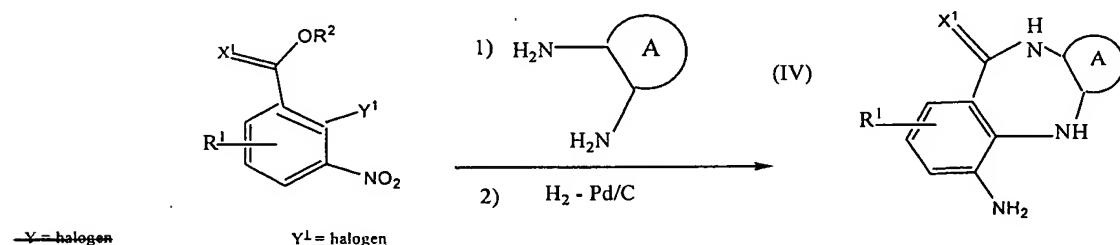


## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 13, please amend the second paragraph, Scheme II and the following paragraph as follows:

"The compounds III are synthesized, as shown in Scheme 2, by reacting a substituted nitrobenzoic ester IV, in which R<sup>2</sup> denotes branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, with a suitable diamine in a polar solvent, such as for example dimethylformamide, in the presence of a base, such as potassium carbonate, at from 100°C to 150°C, preferably at from 110° to 130°C, in particular at about 120°C, and subsequently hydrogenating in the presence of a suitable catalyst, such as 10% palladium on charcoal.

Scheme 2



The substituted dibenzodiazepine derivatives I which are contained in the present invention are inhibitors of the enzyme poly(ADP-ribose)polymerase or PARP (EC 2.4.2.30)."